

## STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

As Americans, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those who serve our country and protect the freedoms we cherish so dearly. Members of the United States Armed Forces exemplify incredible bravery through their commitment to our nation and our values, and they deserve the thanks of a grateful nation. The sacrifices made by our service men and women are also reflected in the selflessness of their families. Military families and military children should also receive recognition for the many sacrifices they make and for the challenges they must overcome as well.

The husbands and wives, parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters, and sons and daughters of our military personnel consistently give so much alongside their family member in uniform in support of our freedom. These sacrifices can be especially difficult for countless children who face an uncertainty and fear that many of their peers cannot understand, many of whom must continuously adapt to new homes, schools, and friends, all while experiencing the emotional strain of having a deployed parent. Sadly, our Gold Star children in particular know the weight of these sacrifices all too well. We must never forget that the men and women in uniform are not alone in making sacrifices.

Many Texan children have a parent serving on active or reserve military duty, and during the month April, we dedicate time to honor them for their resilience and strength. Freedom does not often come without cost, and we must continue to respect, recognize, and thank the men and women of the armed forces and their families.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the outstanding courage and strength of military children and their families. They continue to demonstrate the patriotism and irrepressible courage that keep our state and nation strong.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2022 to be

## Month of the Military Child



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

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Governor of Texas